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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - MOVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
DIVISION TO GENEVA

1. FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS APRIL 4,
CHAIRMAN SAID THAT INFORMAL PRIVATE TALKS HAD TAKEN
PLACE AMONG CERTAIN DELEGATIONS AND IN AFRO- ASIAN
GROUP CONCERNING DECISION AT 27 TH GA AUTHORIZING THE
SYG TO TRANSFER THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION FROM NEW YORK
TO GENEVA. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER WOULD NOT BE PURSUED
IN THE COMMISSION " IN LIGHT OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS."

2. CHAIRMAN THEN CALLED ON THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DIVISION (SCHREIBER) WHO NOTED THE DECISION TAKEN BY
THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AND APPROVED AT THE 27 TH GA BASED
ON A REPORT OF THE ACABQ WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MOVE.
SCHREIBER CONCLUDED THAT " IN LIGHT OF EVENTS" SYG
HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE MOVE PENDING FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION AT THE 28 TH GA.

3. USDEL WAS INFORMED PRIVATELY THAT AFRO- ASIAN
GROUP HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AND THAT AFRICANS HAD
RAISED OBJECTIONS TO THE MOVE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, I. E.
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ACCORDED LESS
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IMPORTANCE IF REMOVED FROM DIRECT DAY- TO- DAY SUPER-
VISION BY THE SYG. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT BY THE GROUP
THAT THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED AT THE 27 TH GA WAS IRREGULAR
SINCE THE THIRD COMMITTEE HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED FOR ITS
VIEWS PRIOR TO DECISION BY THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. IT
APPEARS THAT THE AFRO- ASIANS WILL INSIST THAT THE VIEWS
OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE BE SOUGHT AT THE 28 TH GA.

4. SOME NGO' S HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY SEEKING WAYS TO PREVENT
MOVE TO GENEVA AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT LEO NEVAS, CHAIRMAN
OF NGO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HAS MADE
REPRESENTATIONS TO USYG BRADFORD MORSE. RIMESTAD

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